

REMARKS

The current preliminary amendment is submitted in order to claim the benefit of the prior application and amend the claims to replace “characterized in that” with “wherein” and in order to correct multiple dependency.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hassan A. Shakir', written over a horizontal line.

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